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Special Branch S. 2.

January 12, 1933.

Memorandum on the movements of S.G. Arcus,
Suspected Soviet Agent.

Salomon Grigorievitch Arcus, suspected Soviet agent who left Shanghai for Tsingtao on December 29, 1932, returned back to Shanghai on January 11, 1933 by the s.s. "Choshun Maru". He is the Far Eastern representative of the "Lalev" patent medicine preparation etc. and is connected in this business with Arnhold & Co., Sassoon House.

He resides at No. 79 Auvergne Terrace, 201 Avenue Dubail.

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Special Branch S. 2.

December 31, 1932.

Memorandum on the movements of S.G. Arcus,
Suspected Soviet Agent.

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Solomon Grigorievitch Arcus left Shanghai for Tsingtao on December 29, 1932 by the s.s. "Hoten Maru". He is representative of the "Lalev" patent medicine preparation etc. and is connected in this business with Arnhold & Co., Sassoon House. One of his cousins holds the post of manager of the Soviet Government Bank (Gosbank) in Moscow. Another cousin of his named C.H. Arcus is proprietor of the "Maison Arcus", Hamilton House, Foochow Road (File I.O. 7561) and is known to be an associate of Maharam, Soviet Journalist and editor of various Russian periodicals in Shanghai (File D. 320).

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Special Branch S.S.

September 3, 1932.

Memorandum: Solomon G. Arcus, suspected Soviet Agent

Information has been received to the effect that one Israel Solomon G. Gribitsch Arcus residing at No. 681 Avenue Joffre, is a suspected Soviet Agent.

He is a Russian of Jewish origin. Prior to coming to Shanghai some months ago, he resided in Harbin where he owned a pharmacy in the Kartashevskaya Street. At present he works as a representative of the "LAIEV" patent medicine preparation etc. and is connected in this business with Arnold & Co., Cassoon House.

He resides together with his sister Mrs. Arcus, widow of his cousin, who was executed in Chita, Transbaikalian Province, for communist activities in 1919. One of his cousins holds the post of manager of the Soviet Government Bank (GOSBANK) in Moscow.

Another cousin of his, C.H. Arcus is the proprietor of the "Maison Arcus", No. 212 Szechuen Road (Modes, Military and Furs), (file I.O. 7561) and is known to be an associate of E. Maharam, Soviet journalist and editor of various Russian periodicals in Shanghai (file No. **D. 320**). Mr. Arcus brother, M.G. Arcus is employed at Lubbert's Pharmacy, 81 Nanking Road.



J. Tchamchansky
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Officer i/c Special Branch.

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MAISON ARCUS

(Designer Madam Linoff)

NOTICE

I the undersigned, the proprietress of "Maison Arcus" of No. 212 Szechuen Road, Shanghai, desire to notify my customers and the public that I intend to transfer the Shanghai business of Maison Arcus to Paris at the end of the coming Spring Season.

In the meantime all our Stock will be cleared and orders executed at greatly reduced prices.

A consignment of New Spring Materials has already arrived in Shanghai and a consignment of Spring Model Dresses and Hats is expected to arrive here about March 15, 1932.

T. LINOFF-ARCUS.

212 Szechuen Road.

Maison Arcus.
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

REPORT

File No. 810561
Date 9.10.31 Section 8 Station

Date October 9, 1931.

Subject (in full) Arrival of Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Arcus from American.

Made by D.S. Makaroff.

Forwarded by

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With reference to the attached translation from French Intelligence Report of October 5, 1931, inquiries show that Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Arcus alias Linoff arrived in Shanghai from New York, U.S.A. on October 2, 1931 by the s.s. "President Jackson".

According to our information the trip of Mr. and Mrs. Arcus to U.S.A. was generally of a business nature, as Mrs. Arcus has brought back with her a quantity of millinery and new designs of the latest modes, for her establishment, known as "Maison Arcus", Modes, Millinery and Furs, Ward Building, No. 212 Szechuen Road.

During the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Arcus a certain Mr. J.A. Patushinsky, accountant and assistant manager of the store was in charge.

Upon their arrival here, they were met by Mr. E. Maharam, a well known Soviet journalist and former editor of various Russian periodicals in Shanghai. Mr. E. Maharam is an old friend of C. Arcus, and Mrs. E. Maharam is connected with Mrs. Arcus through her millinery establishment which she conducts in her apartment at the China United Apartments No. 104 Bubbling Well Road.

D. S. Makaroff
D. S.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

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The French

Intelligence Reports on Communism filed for kept in 22 and not attached to regular files.

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MUNICIPAL POLICE

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Translation of extracts from French Police
Daily Intelligence Report on Communism, etc. in China
dated October 5, 1931.

We learn of the arrival on October 2 on board
the s.s. "President Jackson" of Mr. and Mrs. H. ARCUS,
whose connections with local U.S.S.R. agents have been
previously the subject of our reports.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Arcus were met upon arrival by
Maharam, Soviet journalist.

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Shanghai Municipal Police.

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CENTRAL I. B. Division

May 10, 1928

REPORT ON C. H. Arcus.

Made by P. C. S. Ovsiannikoff Forwarded by

Mr. C. H. Arcus, Soviet citizen, illegal husband of Mrs. Linoff, ^{alias Arcus} living at 420 Yu Yuen Road and an old resident of Shanghai, is the owner of a ladies dress-making saloon named "Maison Arcus" at 212 Szechuen Road. He is a merchant by profession, engaged in import of furs from Soviet Russia and modes and millinery from Paris, France. He has had this business for several years and his saloon is very well known among the Foreign Community of Shanghai. Mrs. Linoff is the chief designer of the Saloon and Arcus acts as manager. They employ four Russian women, one man and several Chinese tailors. Mr. C. H. Arcus visited Japan on several occasions in connection with his business and on May 5, 1928 he again left for Japan by the s.s. "President Taft" and probably he will visit Vladivostok ^{or U.S.A.} in the near future. He is well known among the Foreign Jewish Community and it is quite possible that he is a member of M.B.P.R. and makes a certain donation to this association, but so far there is nothing known against him to show that he collects money among the Foreign Jews for the benefit of the organization. The attached is a report which refers to C.H. Arcus.

P. Ovsiannikoff
P. C. S.

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D. H. I.

MAISON ARCUS

NOTICE

DURING my absence from Shanghai, as from May 5, all checks, receipts, and other business documents relating to Maison ARCUS, are to be signed by Mrs. M. E. Brooke and Mr. J. Patushinsky, until further notice.

C. H. ARCUS.

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REPORT ON

It is Police of Shanghai.

Made by C.D.I. Givens

Forwarded by

~~RECEIVED BY: [illegible]~~

Sir,

It is my opinion that no useful purpose would be served by making advances of Mr. [illegible] off's offer and paying a surprise visit to her house.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

J. Givens

C.D.I.

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No reply
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KENNETH EDWARD NEWMAN, SOLICITOR. TEL. C 6738
RALPH GEORGE McDONALD, BARRISTER AT LAW. TEL. C 6739

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
"JEANDAH"

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15, PEKING ROAD.

SHANGHAI, March 16,

1927.

Capt. E. I. M. Barrett,
Commissioner of Police.

Dear Sir:

re Madame Linoff

We have been instructed by Mme Linoff and her husband, Mr. Arcus, to inform you that it has come to their knowledge that statements have been made to the effect that Mme Linoff has bolshevistic leanings.

Our clients are very much upset at these rumours, and, in order to satisfy you, as Commissioner of Police, that there is no truth in them, they have instructed us to inform you that they are perfectly willing to submit to a surprise visit of the police to search their business and private premises, provided this is carried out at a reasonable hour and with the usual consideration, as, we are assured that it is their desire to run this false report to earth.

Whether or not you care to make use of this offer

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Capt. E.I.M. Barrett

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is entirely a matter for you to decide.

Yours faithfully,

KEN:W.

Walter Norman Thompson

Emir

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March 9, 27.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Dear Newman,

re Maison Arcus

Reports received led to a suspicion that Madame Linoff had leanings towards Bolshevism. Police enquiries did not confirm these suspicions and there are at present no complaints against this lady from the police point of view.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) E. I. M. Barrett.

K. E. Newman, Esquire,
15, Peking Road.

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EWING BUILDING,

15, PEKING ROAD,

SHANGHAI, 8th March,

1927.

CONFIDENTIAL

Capt. R. I. M. Barrett,
Shanghai.

Dear Barrett,

re Maison Arous

May I remind you that some little time ago
you promised me a report on the alleged Soviet tendency of
Madame Linoff.

As Madame Linoff and her husband are very
anxious to get to the bottom of this matter, I should be very
much obliged if you could let me have the report, as promised.

Yours sincerely,

W. Newman

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Station.

February 9, 1927.

REPORT ON

Suspected Bolshevist Headquarters.

Made by D. S. Papp.

Forwarded by

J. H. Guens C. S. I.

Sir,

The Prosecuting Solicitor states that he has been unable to proceed with his original scheme for disposing of the complaint that No. 73 Haskell Road is being used as a meeting place by Bolsheviks, owing to the fact that no decision has been reached regarding the question of vagrants and undesirables. The Prosecuting Solicitor now recommends that No. 73 Haskell Road be placed under surveillance with a view to obtaining evidence which will justify the issuance of a warrant to have the house searched.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

E. Papp

D. S.

[Signature]
D. C. I.

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C. I. D. Headquarters ~~Station~~.

January 24, 1927.

FURTHER REPORT ON Suspicion of Bolshevik activities in the house of
Mr. C. H. Arcus

Made by Det. Supt. Reeves Forwarded by C. I. D. SUPERINTENDENT

Sir,

With reference to my report of January 21st 1927 re Mr. C. H. Arcus, I beg to report that the S.M.C. Electricity Department have never installed any additional electric wiring in the flat occupied by Mr. Arcus. The E. D. only supply the power in bulk and have had nothing to do with the inside fixtures. The Park Mansions 420 Yu Yuen Road are Chinese owned, Messrs Palmer and Turner being the agents for the property, collect rents and manage the building. I therefore consulted with Mr. Gabbutt of Messrs Palmer and Turner and he informed me that he has known Mr. & Mrs. Arcus for many years and consider them a highly respectable family who have made their money by hard work in their dressmaking business. He knows Mr. Arcus has very advanced views but does not consider him a rabid Bolshevik. Mr. Gabbutt informed me that on January 21st 1927 he was inspecting the Park Mansion building and called on Mrs. Grey in her flat. Mr. Grey was not present. During the course of conversation with Mrs. Grey, she informed him of all the noises she had heard during the past week. Mr. Gabbutt then went to see Mr. Arcus and informed him that the tenants in the other flats had complained to him of unaccountable noises coming from his flat, on which Mr. Arcus invited Mr. Gabbutt to inspect his flat and to see for himself. This Mr. Gabbutt did and Mr. Gabbutt informed me that Mr. Arcus' flat is most luxuriously furnished and there is nothing there which could produce the sounds as alleged to be heard by Mr. & Mrs. Grey and other tenants, except that Mrs. Arcus has an electric vacuum clean-

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ner, which is used for the carpets and chairs, etc. Mr. Gabbutt further stated that he considered the noises were due probably from this or from the refrigerating plant which works for a few hours each day, and that the alleged humming is due to air pockets in the heating system. Mr. Gabbutt and I decided to again visit Mr. Grey's flat and at 9:30 p.m. January 21, 1927, - ~~we~~ both called on Mr. Grey where Mr. Grey informed Mr. Gabbutt of the noises he had heard. Mr. Gabbutt then informed Mr. Grey of his interview with Mr. Arcus but Mr. Grey negatived the idea that the noises emanated from the vacuum cleaner, refrigerator or heating systems, and informed us further that the noises had now stopped and that it was his opinion that the machine had been packed up and removed. It was finally settled that should Mr. Grey again hear the noises at night, he would telephone Mr. Gabbutt who lives nearby and he will come and make an inspection.

On the explanation of Mr. Gabbutt, I did not think there is anything suspicious going on in Mr. Arcus' flat. Mr. Grey who I have known for a number of years has always been of a suspicious nature and is apt to exaggerate a great deal.

I am, S r,

Your obedient servant

Grey. H. Reeves
Det. Supt.

D. C. I.

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C.I.D. Headquarter Staff

Station.

January 1927.

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REPORT ON Suspicion of Bolshevick activities in the case of
Mr. C.H. Arcus.

Made by Det. Supt. Reeves. Forwarded by

Sir,

I beg to report that on January 18th 1927, Mr. H.C. Grey
Executive Superintendent C.I.D., living in Flat 5 of the Grand-
field Park Mansions, 430 Lu Chen Road came to my home and gave
me the following information.

In the Flat 4, immediately below his Flat 5, lives Mr. & Mrs.
C.H. Arcus and for some days past Mr. Grey and also the persons
living on Flat 3, have been disturbed during the night by the
constant running of what sounds to be an electric driven machine.
On January 18th 1927 the machine was running from 9:30 p.m. to
6 a.m. the next morning. It is not a sewing machine as it very
seldom stops, and it is my opinion that it is a small printing
press run by electricity obtained from the electric radiator
switch. As Mr. C.H. Arcus is a well known member of the Soviet
Community it is possible that a secret press has been installed
in his flat
~~therein~~. I visited Mr. Grey's flat on January 19th 1927 at 10 p.m.
but apparently the machine had ceased running for a time. Mr.
Grey stated the machine is apparently situated in Mr. Arcus'
bathroom as the noise is most pronounced beneath Mr. Grey's
bathroom, the flats being built alike.

Mr. Grey also informed me that there is at times considerable
hammering as if cases were being nailed down.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Reeves

Det. Supt.

D. C. I.

Shanghai Municipal Police.

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Station

January 28,

1927.

REPORT ON No. 15 Hansen Road, the home of Swiss citizen

Maxed Fisher.

Made by C.D.I. officers,

Forwarded by

Sir,

I beg to report that No. 15 Hansen Road is at present under observation and a further report will be submitted as soon as the activities previously complained about are resumed. The windows of No. 15 Hansen Road have been closed very quietly recently and no persons have taken place there.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

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CENTRAL I. O. Station.

January 26, 1927.

REPORT ON Information required by P. M. Daber, Acting
Consul General for Switzerland re: W. Fischer.

Made by D. S. I. Robertson.

Forwarded by

W. Guion G. S. I.

Sir,

On being interviewed Mr. P. M. Daber, Acting Consul General for Switzerland, requested that he be furnished with a report re: W. Fischer, 12 Nansen Road, giving particulars of the class of people who frequent the house, their names, the time and date of their visits and if possible the nature of the business transacted in the house during these visits. Mr. Daber also stated that W. Fischer is known to him personally and so far as he knows is a person with legitimate political views.

W. Fischer is the son of a former city gardener of Petrograd in which city he was born on June 21, 1882. He married a Russian woman named Shapero about fifteen years ago in Tomsk and there is one child of the marriage, a boy about 14 years of age. Fischer who was formerly a merchant in Vladivostok arrived in Shanghai as a refugee on June 15, 1923. He is employed as assistant manager of the N.S.C. Press, 434 Nanking Road which firm supplies the Soviet Consulate with stationery.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

Robertson

D. S. I.

D. C. I.



CONSULAT GÉNÉRAL DE SUISSE
SHANGHAI

POUR TOUTE LA CHINE.

NOTRE

N° 140. FWZ/KFA.

REFERENCE:

VOTRE

SHANGHAI, January 24, 1927.

95, BUBELING WELL ROAD,
TELEPHONE W. 2509
A. B. C. 5ème & 6ème ED.
BENTLEY'S CODE.

ON EST PRIÉ DE JOINDRE A TOUTE DEMANDE L'AFFRANCHISSEMENT POUR LA REPONSE
ET DE NE TRAITER QU'UN OBJET PAR LETTRE.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of January 19 concerning one W. Fischer I have the honour to request that you will be as good as to let me have a full report on this matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

ACTING CONSUL GENERAL.

The Commissioner of Police,
Shanghai.

January 19,

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Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that it is reported to me that one W. Fischer, a Swiss citizen of Russian origin residing at la Hannen Road, allows his premises to be used as a meeting place for foreign Communists.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signature)

Commissioner of Police.

Consul-General for Switzerland,

Shanghai.

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Shanghai Municipal Police.

Intelligence Office, Central Station.

January 18, 1927.

REPORT ON Suspected Bolshevik Headquarters.

Made by D. I. Sullivan.

Forwarded by

J. J. Givens C. D. I.

Sir,

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The Police Legal Adviser has been consulted re the matter of alleged Bolshevik headquarters as detailed in the Intelligence Report of January 15. He advises that the case of W. Fischer, a Swiss citizen of Russian origin, whose residence at 12 Nansen Road is reported to be used as a meeting place for foreign Communists, be laid before the Consul-General for Switzerland.

The Legal Adviser suggests that the case of 73 Haskell Road be left over for a day or two as he is having a consultation in the near future on the subject of undesirables.

The third case, that of Mrs. Vedrintzeff alias Vedrintzeff is now joined with the 73 Haskell Road case as the lady in question has removed from Park Mansions, Yu Yuen Road, to 73 Haskell Road, where she is living with her aunt, a Mrs. Malukovsky. The latter is a Russian jewess and a Soviet citizen. In addition to the two persons named there are also living at 73 Haskell Road:-

Mr. & Mrs. Gleizer, musicians at the "La Gaiete" cafe.

Two ladies named Raskin.

Mr. & Mrs. Nicolaichik. The former is employed in the Chinese Maritime Customs. From enquiries made by a Russian detective it appears that neighbours residing in the house adjoining state that 73 Haskell Road is often visited by prominent local Soviet agents and by Chinese of the student type. The premises were under observation on January 15, 16, and 17 but nothing of a suspicious nature occurred.

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I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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Shanghai, January 15, 1927.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

It is reported that No. 1a Ramen Road is used as a meeting place by foreign Communists. This address is occupied by a Swiss citizen of Russian origin named M. Fisher. The latter is employed in the A.B.C. Press, No. 434 Nanking Road, as an accountant.

Mrs. Vepintzeff alias Vedrintzoff, the daughter of Mrs. Linova, proprietor of Laison Arcus, is an active Communist agent. It is alleged that she specializes in collecting information which can be obtained by inquiries among the patrons of Laison Arcus, by whom she is greatly admired on account of her artistic talents. She lives with her husband, who was formerly a member of the editorial staff of the New Shanghai Life, in the Western Mansions Apartment House near the entrance to Jessfield Park. Prominent Soviet agents have been their guests at that place from time to time. Mrs. Linova's sister runs a boarding house at No. 73 Haskell Road which is also under suspicion.

Information has been received from fairly reliable sources, that the local Soviet Consulate has received orders from Moscow to instruct all Chinese Communistic Groups to prepare for a General Strike and anti-Foreign Uprising which is scheduled to start here in the near future. In emphasizing the importance of these measures, the message states that the future of the World Revolution depends upon the success which will be achieved by the "Red" movement in China.

Mr. Linde, Soviet Consul-General in Shanghai, has ordered employees and agents of the Soviet Consulate to avoid meeting or speaking to Chinese in public places, so as to ensure that enemies of the Soviet will not

Get warrants to search at once.

Feb. 25th., 1935.

Editor "NORTH CHINA DAILY NEWS", -
Shanghai, China. -

14 APR 1935

Dear Sir:

DEPT. ASKO

I am member and representative here in Argentina of INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SOCIETY, who are eager to join the students and young folks of your country, of any race and colour.-

I should like to correspond with several young men and young ladies residing there, who would care to write me and are interested to learn everything about Argentina.-

I should ask you, if you would be so kind as to publish in your newspaper few lines about my wish to get in contact with young people there. I am sure among the readers there will be a lot of interested.

If you cannot publish, then I should ask you to hand my letter to some club, culture association, students society, education department, etc., there certainly will be interested people.-

I also can put in contact those one who are willing with students and young folks of other countries, but in this case they must tell me: age, languages spoken, write to girl or boy; sex, hobbies, etc.-

I am young man, 22, European, nordic race, since 1925 have lived in Argentina, have traveled a bit over the world, good acquainted with 10 states of this country.

I speak English, Spanish and Russian, those who will answer may do in one of these languages. Am fond of music, reading, aviation, automobilism, and movies; my hobby: stamps collecting; my weakness: beautiful girls.

I hope you will be kind enough as to help me in some way, awaiting your replt, with best wishes to you, I remain

Yours very respectfully

Anatol Gelfand